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- 1. UNABLE TO ASSEMBLE DURING THE SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES, THE MILITANT FAR-LEFT LEADERSHIP OF THE TEACHERS UNION (SUTEP) HAD SET MAY 15 AS THE DATE FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND FORMAL PRESENTATION OF CONTRACT DEMANDS TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. DEMANDS ARE CONSIDERABLE INCLUDING A CALL FOR 3,000 SOLES (\$70 U.S.) PER MONTH INCREASE FOR THE OVER 120,000 TEACHERS.
- 2. TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE A MARCH THROUGH DOWNTOWN LIMA MAY 15 IN ORDER TO PUBLICIZE CONTRACT DEMANDS AND PROTEST GOP "REPRESSIVE" POLICIES. CIVIAL GUARD RIOT SQUADS USING TEAR GAS AS NECESSARY BROKE UP DEMONSTRATIONS AS THEY FORMED, THUS PREVENTING COALESCENCE OF LARGE GROUPS. IN ADDITION TO DOWNTOWN DEMONSTRATIONS STUDENT/POLICE CLASHES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE OCCURRED AT UNIVERSITIES OF SAN MARCOS AND VILLARREAL. UNABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR MARCH TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SUTEP LEADERS CALLED FOR A REPEAT ATTEMPT MAY 19.
- 3. COMMENT: FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS THE GOP SEEMS DETERMINED TO SPPOSE TEACHERS UNION. OVER PAST WEEK THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAMPAIGN, ALLEGING MISUSE OF FUNDS ACQUIRED FROM TEACHER COOPERATIVES. IN ADDITION TO PERSONAL ENRICHMENT, UNION LEADERS ARE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL USE OF FUNDS OF TEACHERS' COOPERATIVE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

4. THE GOP CLAIMS THAT READJUSTMENTS IN TEACHERS SALARY SCALE IN JANUARY PROVIDED A SUFFICIENT INCREASE AND THAT A 3,000 SOLES WAGE INCREASE NOW IS COMPLETELY OUT OF LINE. IF DEMANDS ARE NOT ODERATED THE GOP SEEMS PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST SUTEP LEADERSHIP.

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